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Admissions: An In Depth Study

The lifesblood of any college is its student enrollment, and for a small college–state aided or private–it plays a vital roll in determining the scope and breadth of its total academic program. Unlike the decade of the fifties or early sixties the task of recruiting or admitting students has become much more competitive and for many smaller schools their very existence depends upon their ability to attract and enroll students.

This year's freshman class at Mary Washington College is one of the largest (711) in the college's history. It is the result of a great deal of time and effort on the part of the Office of Admissions at the College. At the conclusion of each admission period, the Director of Admissions A. R. Merchent makes a thorough evaluation of what has occurred in an effort to define specific factors or general trends which are affecting admissions to Mary Washington College.

Printed below are three reports prepared by Mr. Merchent and his staff concerning the 1972 admissions picture. The first, Some Information About Students Who Applied, Were Accepted and Enrolled in Mary Washington College for the 1972-73 Session (Those Admitted), deals primarily with the make-up of the freshman class; the second, Reasons Students Leave Mary Washington College (Those Who Left), deals with students who withdrew from the College; and the third, The Mary Washington College Ghost Story (Those Who Declined), deals with those acceptable applicants who selected other schools.

Those Admitted . . .

The Recruiting

One major factor in stimulating interest in Mary Washington College among prospective students is visitation to secondary schools. Out-of-state visitation is scheduled in advance and a representative from the College will talk with interested students and/or counselors about the opportunities at Mary Washington College. In Virginia, on the other hand, half of the visits made by the Director of Admissions were to attend college day and night programs. At these events many colleges were represented and students and their parents usually had an opportunity to talk with representatives from three colleges of their choice. Some college night programs were attended in out of state schools and the College was represented at these programs by other officials or alumnae.

During the last recruiting period visitation was carried out in eleven states and the District of Columbia. Eight officials from the College and two alumnae participated for a total of 523 visits to secondary schools and/or community and junior colleges. In addition, two alumnae chapters sponsored programs for interested students and their parents to learn more about Mary Washington College. The Roanoke Valley Chapter scheduled a session on December 6, 1971, which was attended by 21 students and their parents. The Director of Admissions accompanied by the Director of Alumnae Affairs made a slide presentation and answered questions. A similar program was sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter which approximately 71 students and parents attended. The same two College officials and two Mary Washington students from New Jersey also attended.

Several members of Mortar Board visited the secondary schools from which they graduated during the semester break to talk with guidance personnel and interested students.

The Pool of Applications

Applications for admission to the 1972-73 session were received from 1754 prospective students: 1555 as freshmen and 199 as transfer students. The 1555 freshmen applicants were attending 690 secondary schools located in 32 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 14 foreign countries. Approximately 63 per cent of both freshmen and transfer applicants came from Virginia and 37 per cent from other states. Applications for enrollment in the 1971-72 session numbered 1813: 1603 as freshmen and 210 as transfer students. An examination of admission figures for the preceding year indicated that the decline in applications received was greater among the out of state applicants. The economic slump may have accounted for a part of the decline.

The Entering Class

Offers of admission to the College for the 1972-73 session were extended to 1487 students: 1327 freshmen and 160 transfer students. A total of 822 students, 711 freshmen and 111 transfer students, accepted the offer of admission and enrolled at the College. Some 66.3 per cent of the enrolled students were from Virginia and 33.7 per cent were from other states. For the 1971-72 session a total of 806 incoming students enrolled: 693 freshmen and 113 transfer students.

The 711 enrolled freshmen graduated from 325 different secondary schools located in 24 states and nine foreign countries. In addition to Virginia the states supplying students from ten or more secondary schools included New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

A profile of freshmen was compiled in late June 1972; therefore, the number of enrollees shown is slightly different from the number who actually arrived on campus. The difference in numbers is slight, however, and does not substantially alter the figures. It may be seen that the mean Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for the freshman class were 519 verbal and 529 mathematical. The mean English Composition Achievement score was 535. These scores are equivalent to the following national norms for senior women: 71st, 73rd and 58th respectively.

Statistics regarding rank in the secondary school graduating classes of the freshmen revealed that 61 per cent of the class ranked in the top two deciles or the top 20 per cent of their graduating classes.

Included in the freshman class were 19 black students. These students plus two transfer students brought the total number of black students enrolled at Mary Washington to 34. Also included in the freshman class were six male students which brought that total to 55 men attending the College.

The day student applications received from students who live in the Fredericksburg area appear to be increasing. This year a total of 158 applications were received compared with 149 last year. Of the 158 received 78 were freshmen and 80 were transfer students. Offers of admission were extended to 128 day students and 44 freshmen and 51 transfer students enrolled. Last year 34 freshmen and 57 transfer students enrolled as day students.

Inaugurated last year and implemented the first time for the second semester of the 1971-72 session was a program designed to permit qualified residents of the Fredericksburg area to enroll for college courses in which classroom space was available. Approximately 15 residents took advantage of the opportunity at its inception and 53 enrolled for the first semester of the current academic year. Several regular courses were offered during the evening especially for the community residents who were interested. It is anticipated that this program will become more popular in the future. The special students enrolled this year are not included in the totals shown elsewhere in this report.

Those Who Left . . .

A Questionnaire Study Of the Dropouts 1971-72

In June 1972 questionnaires were mailed to 470 students who had attended all or part of the 1971-72 academic year. The purpose of the questionnaire was to determine what the students were doing and what they felt were the advantages and disadvantages of attending Mary Washington College. These individuals hereafter will be referred to as dropouts, although some do plan to return to MWC to complete their program or are in cooperative programs. Responses were received from 227 dropouts which represented a 48.3 per cent return. This percentage of return does not appear to be large enough to represent a true sample of what the pattern really is.

As a cross check on the return sample, the Deans of Admission at the University of Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University were asked to report the numbers of MWC students who transferred to their institutions. Seventy-nine MWC students were expected to enroll at U.Va. and 51 dropouts returned questionnaires (three Medical Technology students were not included because comparable figures were not available in the U.Va. admissions office). At VPISU nine dropouts were expected to enroll and questionnaires were received from five. It would appear that students transferring to these two institutions were more willing to return the questionnaires than was true of those who responded otherwise.

The responses do appear, however, to be of a large enough magnitude so that some tentative hypothesis might be formulated to be tested for accuracy in other ways.

The questionnaire consisted of five sections. Section one was designed for response by dropouts who were enrolling in other institutions, section two for dropouts who were employed, and section three was for dropouts who gave other reasons for leaving MWC. Sections four and five asked dropouts to list the advantages and disadvantages of MWC. Dropouts were asked to respond to either sections one, two or three and to sections four and five.

Institutions to which dropouts transferred and the numbers attending each with their intended major are shown in Table II. A total of 54 dropouts reported attendance at U.Va., 26 to Virginia Commonwealth University, 9 to the University of Maryland, 5 each to VPISU and the University of Delaware, and 4 each to Old Dominion University, George Mason University and the College of William and Mary. Other institutions were listed less frequently by the dropouts.

If the dropouts who returned the questionnaires represented a reasonable sample of the total dropout group, then it may be stated that approximately 77 per cent continued their educations at other institutions. An additional seven per cent of the dropouts who are taking a junior year abroad or a leave of absence will return to MWC to complete their programs. If the dropouts in cooperative programs are typical, then 22 per cent of all dropouts leave MWC to continue their programs designed for transfer either to U.Va. or elsewhere.

It was interesting to note that six dropouts entered a program in pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia. This program requires two years of liberal arts work elsewhere followed by three years of professional work in pharmacy.

There were numerous reasons given for transferring to other institutions in Virginia. The reason listed most frequently was a greater choice of courses in the major program. The next highest reason advanced was preference for a coeducational institution. The same was true for dropouts transferring to colleges and universities outside Virginia.

Eleven dropouts entered the employment market. The positions appeared to be white collar in nature and at a clerical level. Some dropouts do plan to return to MWC because they are studying abroad or are on leaves of absence.

The dropouts were asked to list the advantages of MWC and 199 responded to this request. Those advantages listed by twenty or more dropouts in the order of the highest frequency down were (1) challenging academic program, (2) pleasant, friendly student atmosphere, (3) small college and classes, (4) close student, faculty, administrator relationships, (5) beautiful campus, (6) close to home, (7) reasonably priced, and (8) the proximity to Washington and Richmond.

The disadvantages of attending MWC were requested and 144 dropouts listed these. It may be significant to note that 83 dropouts omitted responding to the question which might indicate that nothing in particular about the College bothered them, or they overlooked the question. (Only 28 dropouts omitted responding to the question that asked for advantages of attending MWC.)

The area with the largest grouping of complaints was the non-academic side of the College. Apparently the dropouts desired more activities outside of the classroom than they were able to find or devise. Many dropouts preferred a coeducational institution. Other complaints listed fifteen or more times centered on (1) too few courses offered in the major, (2) faculty ineptitude, (3) the academic program *per se*, and (4) characteristics of MWC students.

Don't Forget!!

April 13 to 15

Homecoming 1973

Circle your calendar now for Homecoming 1973—April 13 to 15. The reunion classes which will be recognized are 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968 and the Class of 1972.

Those Who Declined . . .

The Mary Washington College Ghost Story of 1972

In the jargon of veteran college admissions officers in the United States the term "ghost" is defined as a person to whom admission to a college has been offered but who declines the offer. What follows here is the Mary Washington College Ghost Story of 1972.

On August 8, 1972, questionnaires were mailed to 581 ghosts who had been offered admission to Mary Washington College but who did not accept the offer. The purposes of the questionnaire were to determine what other plans these ghosts had made and what some of the factors were which influenced their decisions not to attend Mary Washington College.

By September 11, 1972, responses had been received from 435 ghosts which represented a 75 per cent return. The response was of large enough magnitude to insure that the returns represented an adequate sample. All ghosts who returned the questionnaire indicated that they were continuing their educations beyond the secondary school level and three indicated that they will enter three year programs in nursing which lead to certification as registered nurses.

Of those responding to the questionnaire 265 or 57 per cent stated that they would continue their studies in Virginia institutions. No single out of state institution, except Duke University, accounted for five ghosts. The six institutions in Virginia that each enrolled more than ten ghosts accounted for 41.7 per cent of all ghosts. In descending order of selection the six institutions were: the University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of William and Mary, Madison College, Longwood College, and Mary Baldwin College. Accounting for approximately ten per cent more ghosts were the colleges attended by nine or fewer ghosts but cited five or more times. These institutions were, in descending order of popularity: George Mason University, Hollins College, Westhampton College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Virginia Commonwealth University and Sweet Briar College.

From the responses summarized it appeared 242 ghosts, or 52 per cent, were accepted by their first choice college and that 231, or 49.7 per cent, preferred attendance at a coeducational institution. One hundred forty ghosts, or 30.1 per cent, felt that the college they selected was better academically than was Mary Washington College.

Also extracted from the data were the reasons why 80 ghosts elected to attend the University of Virginia. It was first choice in slightly more than 75 per cent of the cases. Approximately 80 per cent of the ghosts felt that it was better academically, and 50 per cent cited coeducation as a factor in their decisions.

The reasons for selecting Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University were also listed for 36 students. Nine students, or 25 per cent, stated that it was the college of their first choice; and 31, or 79.5 per cent, selected it because it was coeducational.

In students responses for selecting William and Mary it may be seen that 20, or 80 per cent, gave it their first choice rating. Twenty three, or 92 per cent, liked the coeducation facet; and 14,

or 56 per cent, felt that it was better academically.

Among the nineteen ghosts who selected Longwood, six, or 31.6 per cent, replied that it was their first choice; and 11, or 57.9 per cent, felt that the facilities and equipment there were better than at Mary Washington.

Twenty ghosts selected Madison as the college to attend, and thirteen, or 65 per cent, liked the coeducational element; and six, or 30 per cent, stated that it was their first choice college.

Finally, 14 ghosts selected Mary Baldwin as the college of their choice with 12, or 85.7 per cent, listing it as the college of their first choice; and five, or 35.7 per cent, received a good scholarship to attend MBC.

On the questionnaire a space was provided for the student to sign his name. Although the signature was optional, most students did sign the form. By using the name it was possible to determine the "admission profiles" of the six most popular colleges selected by the ghosts. From the information contained there it may be seen that those students attending the University of Virginia and William and Mary posted higher averages on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) verbal score than at Mary Washington. The same was true for the math score except at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and at Longwood the means were close to those posted for students entering Mary Washington. Scores posted by ghosts attending the other popular colleges were below the averages at Mary Washington College. It appears that most of the ghosts ranked in the top two deciles of their graduating classes in the secondary school.

Financial Aid to Students Reaches Half Million Dollars

Financial aid to students at Mary Washington College is expected to hit the $500,000 mark this year, and rise about 10 per cent in the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Jane N. Saladin, outgoing director of financial aid at the college, said that $175,000 has been requested from the federal government (the largest contributor to financial aid) under three programs for 1973-74, with the rest of the money coming from state and private funds.

Nearly one-third of the student body received financial aid last year under the three programs—Work-Study, Educational Opportunity Grant and National Direct Student Loan—with the figure expected to increase by more than 12 per cent next year. Figures for the current year are unavailable.

Counting all students who received any type of aid, including some who were paid under the college's own work-study program for jobs performed one time, the percentage of the student body that was awarded money is 43 per cent.

Total aid given at the college last year amounted to $444,000, or an average of $700 per recipient, Mrs. Saladin said.

Mrs. Saladin said that in the next fiscal year, the college will be able to award National Direct Student Loans to part-time students for the first time.

She said the college utilizes more than 90 per cent of its alloted funds each year.

Want to Recruit a Student For MWC?

The members of the Mary Washington College Alumni can be effective in encouraging qualified students to consider attending the College. If each Alumnus recommended just one prospect to the College, there would be a pool of 10,000 applicants! To help the Office of Admissions to identify potential students, submit on the attached card the name and address of one or more students.

A letter from the Director of Admissions will be mailed to the student together with appropriate material. Your name will be cited as the one who recommended the prospect, unless you indicate otherwise. Should the prospect submit an application for admission you will be notified of the decision, usually between February 15 and April 1 of the student's senior year.

With a large pool of applicants Mary Washington College can continue to fulfill its role of providing a superior liberal arts education to those students who have the potential to profit from the programs here.

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Please send information about MWC to the student whose name appears below:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School attending _____ Year of Graduation ____

Academic interest if know : _____

Recommended by _____ Class of ____

Address _____

You (may) (may not) use my name as reference in your letter.

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Return this card to: Mr. A. R. Merchent, Director of Admissions
Mary Washington College
Box 1098 College Station
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

A student who can profit from the programs at Mary Washington College is one who has been enrolled and who has been successful in a college preparatory program while attending a secondary school. The person recommended should rank in the top quarter of his class although exceptions to this are abundant. His test results should indicate aptitude for college level work and his interests should reside in one or more of the following major programs:

American Studies
Art
Asian Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Classical Civilization
Dance
Dramatic Arts
Economics
English
French
Geography
Geology
German
History
Latin
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Philosophy
Physics
Political Economy
Political Science
Pre-Foreign Service
Pre-Medical Science
Psychology
Religion
Russian Studies
Sociology
Speech Pathology and Audiology

Cooperative programs exist with other institutions for majors in medical technology, nursing, and physical therapy.

Work leading to top certification as either an elementary or secondary school teacher is provided at Mary Washington College.

Controversy Over Honor System Remains Unresolved

The suit against Mary Washington College's Board of Visitors by a former student who was dismissed by the Honor Council has been formally dismissed and the student will be readmitted to the College

The dismissal came at the request of the Board of Visitors and was signed by U.S. District Court Judge Albert V. Bryan, Jr., on Thursday, December 7. Attorneys for the student, however, have filed a motion asking that the case be reopened in order to decide the question of whether a student honor council has a legal right to dismiss students.

In the motion for dismissal of the suit the Board of Visitors said that it had "offered to readmit the plaintiff, to expunge all references to her honor conviction from her record and to allow her to make up those exams she was to take December, 1971."

The Board continued that since the plaintiff has been offered that which she had been seeking, "there remains no justiciable issue for this court to decide, therefore the defendant respectfully requests the court to dismiss the action."

The student involved, Brenda Page Bright of King William, sought to challenge the Honor Council's right to dismiss a student, following a trial in which the nine-member student group found her guilty of a theft and dismissed her from the school.

Mrs. Bright claimed that her rights had been violated under the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Grellet C. Simpson, president of the college, said that as far as he understands the decision, "it will not affect the workings of the Honor Council per se."

He added that college officials do not know when Mrs. Bright will be readmitted to classes, or when she will make up examinations she missed upon her dismissal.

In a motion filed on Monday, December 11, Ralph W. Buxton, attorney for Mrs. Bright, sought to reopen the case. He indicated that if the motion was considered a formal appeal might not be necessary.

When Judge Bryan dismissed the suit at the College's request he did not rule on the broader question of whether student honor councils at state-supported colleges such as Mary Washington have a legal right to dismiss students.

The hearing was to have been heard by Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr., who said the decision would have national significance. Judge Merhige was out of town this week and was not able to hear the defendant's motion for dismissal.

Editor's Note: In late December Judge Bryan reopened the case to consider whether the Constitution prohibits student discipline or expulsion by a body such as the Honor Council.

Death Claims Alumna; Former Faculty Member

Mrs. *Margaret Lodge* Copes, Distinguished Alumna of 1970 and a past president of the Mary Washington College Alumnae Association, died Sunday, November 26, at her home at Davis Wharf on the Eastern Shore. She was 60 years old.

The widow of Peter D. Copes, a former member of the House of Delegates who died in 1961, Mrs. Copes was chairman of the State Hospital Board, which oversees the operation of the State's mental hospitals. The first woman to serve on the board, she was noted for her work with crippled children and the retarded. The Lynchburg Training School and Hospital plans to dedicate a new medical building in her name.

A member of the class of 1932, she was also a member of the board of sponsors of the Children's Home Society of Virginia and was on the board of the Society for Crippled Children of Virginia.

Mrs. Copes is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. Wayne Browning of Davis Wharf and Mrs. Joe A. Duer of Nassawadox.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 28, in Mt. Holly Cemetery at Onancock.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the Eastern Shore Association for Retarded Children in care of Mrs. Ann Willis of Franktown, 23354.

Dr. Burney L. Parkinson, former president of Mississippi State College for Women and former professor at Mary Washington College, died in Albemarle, North Carolina, on Thursday, December 7, where he had been hospitalized following an automobile accident. He was 85 years old.

A family spokesman said Mr. Parkinson had suffered an injury to his knee in an automobile accident Sunday. He became ill while doctors were preparing him for surgery to repair his knee. The operation was postponed and Mr. Parkinson died before it could be rescheduled.

A member of the MWC faculty as professor of education and psychology from 1952 to 1956, Mr. Parkinson had been called "a leader in education in the South."

A native of Tennessee, he was revered as a titan who restored the economy and standing of the Mississippi college. He also once headed Presbyterian College in South Carolina and was a state high school supervisor there.

Survived by his wife, and a sister, Nell Parkinson of Nashville, Tenn., he moved to Albemarle after retiring from MWC in 1956. For eight years following his retirement, he taught during the spring semester at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss.

He was a graduate of Erskine College and received both his M.A. and Ph.D. at George Peabody College in Nashville.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 8, at Lesler's Funeral Home in Albemarle. Interment was held in a nearby cemetery.

Board of Visitors Receives Retirements, Resignations

Mary Washington College President Grellet C. Simpson has formally announced the retirement of six faculty members who have served as teachers here for a total of almost 150 years.

The six retiring members of the faculty include: Mr. Julian Binford, Professor of Art; Mr. Hobart C. Carter, Professor of Mathematics and Chairman of the Department; Mr. W. Wayne Griffith, Professor of English; Mr. Lafayette J. Jones, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Mr. Michael L. Kirschner, Instructor in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; and Mr. Kurt F. Leidecker, Professor of Philosophy.

In other personnel matters, President Simpson announced to the Board of Visitors, meeting at the College on November 11 for its regular quarterly session, that Mrs. Jane N. Saladin, Registrar and Director of Financial Aid, has resigned, effective December 15; and Mr. Thomas P. Mann, Director of Information Services, will leave his post December 31.

Mr. Donald E. Glover, Associate Professor of English and Chairman of the Department, was granted a one year leave of absence to undertake post doctoral study and research in England during the 1972-73 session.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Miss Constance A. Jones, Instructor in Sociology. Miss Jones, a member of the faculty during the 1968-69 and 1969-70 sessions, has been on leave of absence for the past two years. She plans to continue graduate studies at Emory University.

Three of the retirements, those of Mr. Binford, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Leidecker, become effective at the end of the current semester. Mr. Griffith, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Kirschner will continue to teach through the 1972-73 session.

Acting on the recommendation of President Simpson, the Board elected the Messrs. Binford, Carter, Griffith, and Leidecker Emeriti Professors of the College. Normally, retiring teachers with the rank of full Professor who have served the College for at least fifteen years are eligible for this honor.

Mr. Binford will be completing 26 and one-half years at Mary Washington College; Mr. Carter, 36 and one-half years; Mr. Griffith, 30 years; and Mr. Leidecker, 24 and one-half years. Mr. Jones has served on the faculty for the past 12 years and Mr. Kirschner has taught riding for 17 years.

Mrs. Saladin, who has held the position of Registrar since 1967, will move to Danville, Illinois, where her husband, a physicist at Dahlgren, has accepted a new position.

Mr. Mann, the Director of Information Services for over five years, will join his brother, a reporter for the Free Lance-Star, in the ownership and operation of a local printing firm.

Kurt F. Leidecker

W. Wayne Griffith

Hobart C. Carter

Lafayette Jackson Jones

Julien Binford

Harold Anton Michael Kirschner

Governor Appoints Patricia Head Ferguson To Board of Visitors

Patricia Head Ferguson of Worcester, Mass., a 1950 graduate of Mary Washington College, has been named to the school's Board of Visitors by Gov. Linwood Holton.

Mrs. Ferguson was appointed to fill the term left vacant by the death of Richard S. Cross of Lafayette Hill, Pa., who died Aug. 15. Holton's appointment for the term which ends June 30, 1975, must be approved by the General Assembly.

A native of Lockport, N.Y., who grew up in Falls Church, Mrs. Ferguson was among 36 persons presented to Gov. Holton for selection on the original MWC board chosen last June.

Since graduating with honors in English from MWC, Mrs. Ferguson has studied at the University of Pittsburgh, George Washington University and University College in Nairobi, Kenya. She is currently completing a course in Swahili at Clark University in Worcester in preparation for beginning an African studies program toward a Masters degree.

Mrs. Ferguson has been employed as an administration assistant in the Education Department of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and an intelligence collator with the 13th Air Force in the Philippine Islands. She was also licensed to sell life insurance in Maryland in 1966.

Her husband, Dr. Glenn W. Ferguson, has been the president of Clark University since July 1, 1970. He was the first Director of VISTA, the domestic version of the Peace Corps from 1961 to 1964; served as the first Peace Corps Director in Thailand; was ambassador to Kenya; and chancellor of Long Island University.

Besides serving on the MWC Alumnae Association's Board of Directors in 1965-66, Mrs. Ferguson has become active in civic activities in several countries.

She helped to initiate prenatal and child care in conjunction with the Kenya Red Cross and helped to establish a market for produce raised by inmates of a woman's prison in Nairobi. She has also been a volunteer field officer for UNESCO in Thailand and a non-government representative to the U.N. in 1969-70.

Mrs. Ferguson is currently an executive board member of YOU, Inc., a juvenile probation program; and a member of the board of trustees of both the Worcester Center for the Performing Arts and the International Center of Worcester.

Miss Margaret Hargrove Named Professor Emeritus By Board of Visitors

In a special action the Board of Visitors of Mary Washington College approved a recommendation of President Simpson that Miss Margaret Hargrove, who was Dean of Students and Professor of Classics from 1956 until her retirement in 1969, be named Professor Emeritus.

Miss Hargrove was the first major administrative appointment made by Mr. Simpson following his selection as President of Mary Washington College in 1956. She had previously served as a high school teacher of classics, Dean of Students at Beaver College, Dean of Women and Chairman of the Department of Classics at Carroll College, an Executive of the American Red Cross during World War II, and Dean and Professor of Classics at Lake Erie College. For five years prior to coming to Mary Washington, she was Executive Secretary of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women.

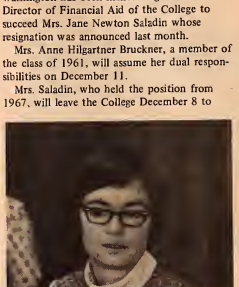
Miss Hargrove presently resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

Anne H. Bruckner '61 Named Registrar and Director of Financial Aid

A graduate and former instructor at Mary Washington has been named Registrar and Director of Financial Aid of the College to succeed Mrs. Jane Newton Saladin whose resignation was announced last month.

Mrs. Anne Hilgartner Bruckner, a member of the class of 1961, will assume her dual responsibilities on December 11.

Mrs. Saladin, who held the position from 1967, will leave the College December 8 to



Anne H. Bruckner

join her husband, a former physicist at Dahlgren, in Danville, Illinois, where he recently accepted another job.

Following her graduation from Mary Washington, Mrs. Bruckner earned an MA degree in psychology from the University of Kentucky in 1964. She was appointed an Instructor in Psychology for the 1964-65 session and remained a member of the Mary Washington faculty through the 1967-68 term.

Following her marriage, she lived in Canada where her husband was teaching. She returned to Fredericksburg in 1970 when Mr. Bruckner, who had taught German at the College in 1964-68, was reappointed to the faculty.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs. Bruckner served as a resident advisor for three years in graduate school. She has been employed as a part-time counselor in the Office of Admissions here since last summer.

The Bruckners and their three children live at 1414 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg.

Thirty MWC Seniors Receive Who's Who Recognition For 1972

Thirty Mary Washington College students have been selected for inclusion in the 1971-72 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The publication seeks to provide public recognition to campus leaders throughout the nation.

Criteria for selection are scholarship, participation, and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to the College. Certificates of recognition will be awarded to the students in an assembly later in the year.

Students selected by a faculty-administration-student committee include: **Mary Catherine** Alexander of Springfield; **Carol Jean** Anderson of West Islip, New York; **Susan Katherine** Baril of Perryville, Kentucky; **Barbara Janet Barnes** of Norfolk, Massachusetts; **Laura Ellen Blevins** of Luray; **Maribeth Brewster** of Richmond; **Kathryn Ann Buchanan** of Lexington; **Theresa Marie Carroll** of Alexandria; **Edith Elizabeth** Cobb of Glen Allen; **Christine Ann** Crawford of Dover, Delaware; **Roxy Ann** Eisenhart of Fairfax; **Janet Patricia Flaherty** of St. Charles, Illinois; **Monita Fontaine** of San Antonio, Texas; **Janet Lee Hedrick** of Chatham; and **Claire Marie** Holton of McLean.

Other students selected include: **Kathleen Marie King** of Alexandria; **Debbie Lynn Mandelker** of Memphis, Tennessee; **Karen Jean** Mayhew of Roanoke; **Jean Carter Moffett** of Washington; **Daniel P. Price** of Fredericksburg; **Barbara Jean Reynolds** of Springfield; **Deborah Ann Reynolds** of Anaheim, California; **Sharon Lee Richmond** of Martinsville; **Rebecca Ann** Rooney of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; **Theresa Robinette Rottman** of Richmond; **Ann Constance Salter** of Rochester, New York; **Deborah Jean Scott** of Alexandria; **Patricia Ann** Watts of Norfolk; **Martha Ann Welsh** of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and **Barbara Creighton** Willis of Fredericksburg.

MWC Announces New Cooperative Programs In Medical Technology

Mary Washington College has announced two new cooperative programs in medical technology with Roanoke Memorial Hospital and Fairfax Hospital.

In addition to these, the college offers a degree program in medical technology at the University of Virginia.

Under the three programs, the student is required to take three years of academic work at the college, followed by a 12-month period of specialized training at one of the three institutions. After successful completion of the four years of study, the college will award the student a bachelor of arts—in medical technology, and the student is eligible to take the examination for registration and certification by the Board of Registry of Medical Technologists.

William V. Janis To Study In France on Rotary Scholarship

William V. Janis, a junior at Mary Washington College, has been selected a recipient of an undergraduate scholarship by the Rotary Foundation for the 1973-74 academic year.

Under the terms of the scholarship, one of only 159 awarded since 1967, the recipient may select any university at which he would like to study. Janis, who is majoring in political science, would like to attend the University of Reims in Reims, France.

The Rotary Foundation, established by funds from worldwide Rotary clubs, provides round-trip transportation, educational and living costs during the study period, a limited amount for educational travel, and in some instances, cost of intensive language training in the study country prior to the academic year.

Janis, a resident of Fredericksburg, began as a freshman at Mary Washington. He is now serving as an administrative aid at Trench Hill, the first on-campus dormitory for men, and works in the library. He previously studied French at the Sorbonne in Paris for eight weeks.

The Rotary Foundation selects recipients whom they feel have achieved a high scholastic standing and would promote understanding and good will in the host country.

Julie F. Howe Participant in London Semester

Julie F. Howe, a Mary Washington College student, is spending the first semester of the 1972-73 session at the University of London studying comparative politics and government. She will return to Mary Washington College in January for the completion of her junior year.

Miss Howe is participating in the Drew University London Semester, a program designed to give students from colleges and universities throughout the United States an opportunity to study in the British capital.

Miss Howe is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Charles M. Howe, Quarters 42, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Faculty Meetings Opened Up To Student Observers

Five students on a special ad hoc committee will be permitted to attend faculty meetings at Mary Washington College in a non-voting capacity for the life of the committee.

Although students have been members of faculty committees and have attended portions of faculty meetings to discuss particular subjects, the move represents the first time that students have been allowed to attend a full-fledged faculty meeting at the college.

The students are members of an ad hoc committee on student-faculty governance, which was established last spring to find means of cooperation between faculty and students and to provide a means of exchanging visions, ideals and aims, according to Mary Ellen Stephenson, a faculty member and committee chairman.

The committee is composed of five students and five members of the faculty. Earlier, it had gained student representation in departmental meetings.

The action to admit students to the meetings, which passed by a wide margin, came after the five students requested admittance as a learning experience, Miss Stephenson said. The decision came at the regular September faculty meeting held last week.

The students will be allowed to attend the meetings only as long as the ad hoc committee remains in existence, although Miss Stephenson said she did not know how long that would be. The students will act as observers and will not have a vote, she added.

1973 Summer Session Will Feature Two Six-week terms

Mary Washington College will depart from its traditional eight-week summer term in 1973 and establish two, six-week terms.

College officials, in announcing the change, indicated that the new format will allow a student to complete 12 hours of credit during the summer. This is almost equivalent to a semester's work during one of the two regular sessions. In past years students could receive credit for only nine semester hours of work.

The two-term arrangement will allow greater flexibility in planning for students and faculty, college officials indicated.

The new format was decided on this week by college officials, after they considered three possibilities: retaining the traditional eight-week session, establishing two six-week sessions or establishing a three-week session followed by an eight-week session.

Registration for the first term is scheduled for May 26, with classes beginning on May 28. Students will sign up for second term classes on July 7 and classes will begin on July 9. The summer session will end on Aug. 18.

Faculty Writings and Research

The following column on faculty activities written by Bernard L. Mahoney, Jr., Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, appeared in the December, 1972, issue of News and Views from Trinkle, a quarterly publication prepared and published by E. Lee Trinkle Library.

Earlier this year *Mr. Fickett* of the Economics and Political Science Department presented a paper "The Triumph of Indian Socialism" at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Southeast Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. *Mr. Fickett* also recently chaired a panel on "Programs and Facilities for Asian Studies in Virginia" at the Fall Colloquium of the Virginia Asian Studies Consortium at the University of Virginia on October 21, 1972. From the same department, *Mr. Krickus* authored "Platform for Survival" which appeared in *City*, May/June 1972. "Why McGovern Turns off the Ethnics" was a more recent publication by *Mr. Krickus* which appeared in the *Washington Post* November 5, 1972. *Mr. Krickus* is also editor of *Working-Class and Ethnic Priorities* published by the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs (1972).

Mrs. Sumner of the Department of Classics, who is President of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, delivered the presidential address "Plain, Plaid, or Printed: A Look at Ancient Textiles" on November 3, 1972. From the Psychology Department *Mr. Bill* co-authored a paper "Dichoptic Brightness and Stereopsis" which was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society in St. Louis, Missouri, November, 1972. In addition, a paper "Maintenance Schedules and Hunger Drive: An Examination of the Rat Literature" was published by *Mr. Weinstock* in *Psychological Bulletin*, 78 (October 1972), pp. 311-320.

Mr. Cain of the Religion Department reviewed "The Theology of Karl Barth" by Haus Urs von Balthasar which appeared in *The Review of Books and Religion*, 1, 9 (May 1972), p. 4. *Mr. Levin Houston* of the Music Department writes two regular columns, "Books" and "Lazy Gardener," for the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*.

The Virginia Geographer, the Journal of the Virginia Geographical Society, is published biannually by the Department of Geography with *Mr. Emory* as Editor-in-Chief, *Mr. Bawen*, Editor, and *Mr. Gauger*, Managing Editor. *Mr. Singh* of the English Department also edits a locally published journal, *Studies in Black Literature*.

At the Fourth Virginia Conference on Slavic Studies meeting at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, on November 18, *Mr. Warner* of the History Department delivered a paper "Emperor Paul and the Historians." "Relief Totem," a bronze sculpture by *Mr. Muick* of the Art Department, was recently purchased for $3,000 by Mr. Bailfield Clark for his collection at Warwick, Bermuda. The sculpture was displayed at the Sculpture Center in New York City and was one of a series of bronze totemic compositions designed for an interior architectural situation.

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Where the Boys Are:

MWC's First Male Housing Unit

The following article by Michael Hill appeared in the November 17, 1972 edition of the Free Lance-Star and is reprinted here with that newspaper's permission.

Perhaps it was with a certain subconscious nervousness that Mary Washington College officials decided to house their first group of live-in men within sight of the president's house.

There is little on the outside to indicate that the rather stately domicile across Hanover Street from the Brompton Mansion houses the raucousness associated with the Virginia college male.

Indeed there is little on the inside to indicate that either. The 10 residents of Trench Hill, as this dormitory is named, seem serious about their academics, and shun the stereotyped references to the one-sided sexual ratio on campus.

"There was a certain curiosity at first, but things have calmed down," said Martin Manch, a 26-year-old sophomore from Alexandria. The partying atmosphere that accompanied the uniqueness of their dorm at the beginning of the year has given way to the pressure of academics. Manch was one of the few resident males last year when he lived in an apartment the college provided.

Now, Manch seems to be enjoying the experience of inhabiting MWC's first male dorm, an opinion shared by his nine housemates who represent about 20 per cent of the male enrollment. The 10 appear to have become a rather close-knit group since their arrival in September.

"There's a real sense of community here," according to Bill Janis, one of the school's first male students who has the part-time job of supervising Trench Hill. If any problems arise, Janis calls a meeting of the dorm and the group hashes it out.

"We're different types, but we all get along," Manch said.

Alan Schwalbe, an 18-year-old freshman, found that the community developed out of necessity. ("There are just no other guys around to communicate with.")

That is not to say that everyone is constantly spending time with his housemates. Indeed, most of the men seem to spend the majority of their time in the library, with one resident reporting that the Sunday afternoon Redskin game is the only thing that draws the entire group together, huddled around Trench Hill's color TV.

But despite their diverse interests, most of the 10 agree that the dormitory does provide them with a place to fall back on.

"It's like a fraternity without all the parties," one of the students put it.

The group is by no means a homogenous one. Manch, for instance, spent several years working before returning to school. Roger Blakeman is a 25-year-old undergrad because he's spent several years in the Army. Schwalbe comes from urban New Jersey, while Phil Yowell, another freshman, is from a farm near Warrenton.

For many it was a rather odd path that led to their tradition-breaking presence at Mary Washington, but most seem glad that they are there.

Not that there are no complaints, for there are. The normal ones that go along with dormitory living are heard intermingled with the unusual ones that go with breaking the sexual barrier at the previously all-female institution.

"You get tired of being asked how it feels going to an all-girls school," Manch complained, pointing out that his presence meant that the description was inapplicable.

"Sometimes I think they want to keep it all girls," Manch said, although adding that his experiences had made him "realize a lot of my chauvinism."

Women's Liberation is not a subject the guys dismiss lightly. Schwalbe saw a different kind of chauvinism on campus.

"What we need here is men's lib," he said. "Sometimes it's like living in a fishbowl.

"But you get used to it," he added.

Glen Markwith, a freshman from Colonial Beach went along with the gripe. "We're not considered part of the college. It's been female oriented for so long that it's really hard to make the transition," he stated.

All agreed that the situation would improve if their dorm was on the main campus which lies several blocks away, though few wanted to give up the relative plushness of Trench Hill, a former private residence which allows them single rooms and a private kitchen.

"It would be nice if we could just move this house to the middle of campus," Markwith said. It was felt that putting the men on campus would establish their position as permanent members of the college community.

It wasn't clear if the proximity of the president's house had anything to do with the serenity, but on a recent afternoon the loudest noise in the dorm was the constant "pok" of the bouncing ping pong ball. The group claims that the only complaint they have received this year concerned a stereo that was playing too loud one evening.

"And that was left on by mistake," a resident added.

Forgotten Gates May Be Installed on College Avenue

The following article by Linda Evans appeared in the December 5, 1972, issue of the Free Lance-Star and is reprinted here with that newspaper's permission.

A set of long-stored, hand-wrought, Renaissance-style bronze gates may finally go up beside College Avenue, under a plan proposed by Mary Washington College.

If the plan is approved by the State Art Commission, the gates would go up in front of DuPont Hall, the college fine arts building.

Given to the college in 1954, the gates have been stored at Brompton, home of the college president, for 18 years.

The ornate gates, about 40 years old, are made in four pieces, each estimated to weigh between 1,500 and 1,800 pounds. They were given to the college by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, which obtained them as a gift from Raymond R. Guest, a former state senator and former ambassador to Ireland, who has an estate in King George County.

They were valued at $35,000 when they were presented to the college.

Although Dr. Morgan L. Combs, then head of the college, welcomed the Italian Renaissance style gift, the gates were never put up and eventually were packed and stored in the barn at Brompton.

Dr. Grellet C. Simpson, now president of the college, said the gates were never used because they did not fit in with the neo-Georgian style architecture at MWC.

Now, however, college officials feel the value of the gift, both monetary and sentimental, warrants putting the gates up, even though they are not of the same architectural style as other buildings and structures on campus.

In its November meeting, the MWC Board of Visitors authorized Simpson to carry to the art commission the proposed plans, drawn by the Richmond firm of Wright, Jones & Wilkerson, which has designed most of the buildings on campus.

"If aesthetically the gates are appropriate, then I'm willing to give up consistency (in architectural design)," commented Simpson.

He said he did not know what the gates were worth now, nor how much the entire project would cost.

Made in Paris by two DeLisle brothers, the gates formerly stood at the entrance to the 5th Avenue home of Guest's mother. One pair measures eight feet tall and 15 feet wide, while the other is six inches shorter in height and two inches narrower.

If placed on campus, they would be held in stone pillars, with the two smaller gates remaining stationary, and the two larger ones, in the center, being movable.

On the gates are figurines of cherubs and muses, and the initials "H.B." are prominently centered in each. A spokesman for the college said this stands for Henry Phipps, Guest's grandfather.

Simpson said he did not know when the matter would get on the art commission's agenda. The commission normally meets once a month.

Students Pay Homage To Departing Teachers

A group of international dignitaries gathered at Mary Washington College on Saturday, December 2, to pay an unusual tribute to a man who has worked most of his life for promoting understanding between Asia and the United States.

They were honoring Dr. Kurt F. Leidecker, retiring Professor of Philosophy, who has had a long relationship with the people of Asia, and especially those of India. He is a Buddhist scholar; a world traveler; and in the words of an acquaintance, "actively committed to the development of Asian Studies.

The College's Oriental Club prepared an eight-course dinner during which Dr. Leidecker was reacquainted with many old friends, and at one point was moved to tears as students read letters from around the world from friends who had known him during his long career as a teacher and statesman.

Julien Binford, retiring Professor of Art at Mary Washington College, was honored by students and colleagues at a reception on Sunday, December 3rd.

It was announced at the reception that a new student award in art is being set up in Mr. Binford's honor. Details on the award will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Binford has been a member of the Mary Washington faculty for more than twenty-six years.

Hildy Parks Cohen '45:

From MWC To Broadway

The following article by Levin Houston, Associate Professor of Music at Mary Washington College, appeared in the April 29, 1972, issue of the Free Lance-Star and is reprinted here with that newspaper's permission.

Did you see Broadway's Tony Awards show Sunday night – that's the television show that annually honors the theater's best performers and performances.

Even if you did, there's probably a bit of information that escaped you: the person who wrote the script, and has ever since the first network telecast of the awards six years ago, is Hildy Parks, a former Mary Washington College student who left an indelible imprint on her alma mater.

Seeing the show carried me back to the summer of 1943, when colleges were going all out for accelerated learning. A pretty, blue-eyed girl, just turned 16, enrolled at MWC for piano and drama classes and almost immediately staked her claim to a virtual monopoly of those two fields.

Hilda de Forrest Parks, fresh from Mississippi, was the girl's name. During her years at MWC she was available for any job that needed to be done. If the star's part was available in a college theatrical production she would gladly take it, but if, due to some error in casting, all the big parts were taken, she would do walk-on parts, be prompter, scene shifter, call girl (not, I hasten to add, in its present connotation) or anything else, with the same enthusiasm and dedication.

Only twice did I see her frustrated. During the summer before her graduation, a bunch of stage-struck faculty members decided to do the George S. Kauffman-Moss Hart comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." Hildy acted as prompter, wardrobe mistress, head of properties–and for this play there were hundreds–principal scene-shifter and painter. Along with all this she wanted to play the ingenue lead, a part which would have been fine for her. But, despite her precocity, there was no way of making her a member of the faculty, nor of easing the faculty member out of the part.

Up until the afternoon of the show, Hildy had not given up hope that the one cast for the part wouldn't fall and break a leg or get tetanus. I wouldn't swear that she hadn't been sticking pins in an effigy of the performer. She told me she knew every line and every bit of stage business and had even put aside the clothes she would wear if . . .? But neither the Christian prayers nor the pagan magic worked.

Another time I particularly remember was just before her class was going to present its senior benefit show. She was directing it, had written the script and lyrics and for several weeks had been spending the time she was supposed to be practicing piano composing the songs.

When it came time to cast the show (she had designed the sets and costumes), she was on the horns of a dilemma. If she played the leading role, which obviously had been written with herself in mind, who was going to play the piano for the show? As she had never bothered to write her songs so someone else could read them, it looked as though she had to confine herself to being pit musician rather than star. That is what happened. It was the only time I ever saw her perform in a sulky way.

Hildy had never played the organ, but one of her casual friends asked if she wouldn't play for her wedding at the Fredericksburg Baptist Church. A piano has a keyboard, an organ has a keyboard, so what's the catch? Certainly she would. It would only be a few minutes anyhow.

The time for the wedding arrived; she was already on the second round of her churchly sounding repertoire; a half-hour passed and the groom had not arrived. A call from Richmond said there was some mix-up on the groom's health card and another had to be issued; there would be further delay because it was Sunday. Finally, an hour-and-a-half after the scheduled time, Hildy concluded her organ recital and the wedding took place. She was still unflustered– the show must go on, and it did.

It was inevitable that she, a mature college graduate of 19, should venture on a conquest of Broadway. Shortly after her arrival, she shortened her name to Hildy Parks, picked up the award for "Most Promising New Actress to Appear on Broadway," as well as a new husband, Jackie Cooper, who had been her leading man. Even in her college days, her leading men regularly fell in love with her. She still has the award, but she shed Cooper years ago.

On Broadway, she appeared with James Mason in "Bathsheba." Later she had an actress' dream part in "To Dorothy With Love," and received good notices. Again she got good notices for the leading role in "Be Your Age." She had earlier had the only female role in the London company of "Mr. Roberts."

More and more she appeared in television–in plays, in talk-programs, writing–after her marriage to Alexander Cohen, one of the most daring, controversial, provocative and successful producers today.

For years she was the leading brain on "To Tell the Truth," a television quiz program. She continued as a panelist on the show until a couple of weeks before the second of her two sons was born. She said that for the last three months she was on the show she had to be immobile while on camera, and couldn't be pictured below the shoulders, so obvious was her delicate condition.

She had planned to visit the college recently to talk to students interested in theater and in a recent letter she wrote:

"I could spit. I was so looking forward to returning when work reared its ugly head. And everything had to be canceled. I had shot a show in England just before Christmas with Lynn Redgrave, John Gielgud and Ralph Richardson and there was one tiny bit of exteriors to be done . . . literally less than two minutes . . . and we had planned to do it at our leisure in May and then a cable came announcing that Lynn was offered a film and so we had to get her two minutes before that. So, off I went and was not able to get back in time."

In addition to her stage roles, Miss Parks has been seen in several films, including "Fail Safe" and "The Group." For 12 years she appeared regularly on major television programs ranging from the Philco Playhouse to long-running soap operas like "Love of Life." She also dashed off the script for the all-star Christmas program, "A World of Love," which Cohen produced and which was presented to the United Nations' General Assembly a year ago.

"Two mind-boggling hours," is Miss Parks' amiable appraisal of the Tony Awards show. Hildy, in a rare distaff assignment, alone writes every word spoken on the program "except the ads and winner thank you's."

"If something has to give," she says, "it's the spoken script, and that's me. We always try to go in short, but it's those dear, sweet slow talkers and walkers that drive you crazy."

Big air shows normally use writers by the platoon, but Miss Parks has handled the Tony stint solo ever since the first network telecast six years ago.

Association Fund Shows Increased Alumni Support

Thanks to you . . . . . the 1972-73 Alumni Fund is progressing ahead of last year's fund. The Alumni Fund Chairperson, *Anne P. Fortney* '66, is optimistic for a truly successful year. As of December 12 total fund contributions from 820 contributors have amounted to $12,625.51. This compares to a December 14, 1971 total of $8,930.50 from 636 contributors. The momentum for supporting the Alumni Fund seems to be increasing. It is especially rewarding to see the large increase in donors. Last year at this time we had 6.2% participation compared to 7.8% this year.

Direct mail solicitation has been the sole source of obtaining contributions to date. In the early spring Fredericksburg businesses will be contacted as well as parents of present students.

A special feature of this year's Fund Drive will be class solicitation scheduled to begin in April. Hard-working Fund Agents have begun recruiting subagents to aid in class solicitation. The emphasis will be on personal contacts within the class.

This year's Fund Agents are working toward involvement of one tenth of their classes in helping the fund total reach the highest figure in the Association's history. Fund agents for this year include *Vernie Blankenship* Knight '36, *Anne Taylor* Miller '51, *Doris Steele* Lequin '52, *Betty Baylor* Neatrour '54, *Hermine Gross* Fox '56, *Margaret Anne Patten* Bland '57, *Judith Carol Townsend* Gatlin '58, *Kitten Swaffin* Howard '59, *Nancy Lee Powell* Sykes '62, *Barbara Kellam* Latham '64 and *Lenore Gilbert* Bowne '66.

The Fund Agents were specially chosen for their leadership ability and record of continued interest in MWC. We need many more Fund Agents so if you are looking for a way to be more a part of the Alumni Association contact Diana Koski, Director of Alumni Affairs.

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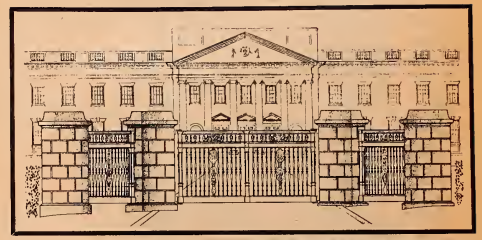

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